



UJS CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE 2022/23

Leading. Defending. Enriching Jewish Life on Campus



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Welcome to Convention 2022/23

UJS convention brings together hundreds of students from across the UK and Ireland for a packed weekend of education, engagement, and celebration of Jewish campus life.

We have an exciting and busy timetable with 30+ sessions exploring all things Jewish, current affairs, and the issues facing students on campus, and also so much more! The sessions will be delivered by your fellow students on campus, UJS staff, and well renowned experts and guests.

Convention will end in the annual UJS Policy Conference. This is YOUR opportunity to have YOUR voice heard by and influence the future of Jewish Student life on campus and influence UJS policy and action for years to come.

About UJS

We are the voice of nearly 9,000 Jewish students, spanning 73 Jewish Societies (JSocs) on campuses across the UK and Ireland.

Guided by our core values of Cross-Communalism, Israel Engagement, Peer-Leadership and Representation, together we create and deliver powerful campaigns; fighting prejudice, advancing inclusion, and inspiring education and action on the issues that matter to us. This all happens at the hands of our elected President and their dedicated team, undertaking to fulfil the manifesto upon which they were elected, and carry out policy passed at UJS' annual Policy Conference.

For over 100 years, we've been leading, defending and enriching Jewish student life across the UK and Ireland. We are committed to do so long into the future.

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Who is who at UJS?



Joel Rosen
President



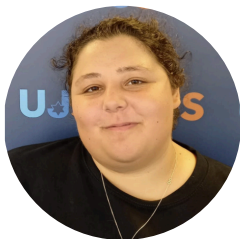
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Sabbatical Officer



Dora Hirsh
Sabbatical Officer



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Efrat Malka
Shlichah



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Alumni Executive



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People Manager



Arie Miller
Chief Executive

Code of Conduct

UJS is the voice of Jewish students. We champion peer leadership and representation, and Convention is front and centre of this.

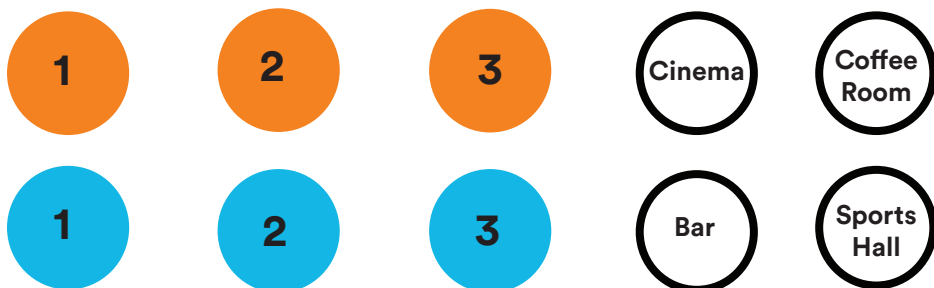
At UJS Convention we enjoy forthright and frank conversations and debates, and we strongly encourage all participants to engage fully. **It is vitally important that all participants approach the discussions and sessions at UJS Convention with respect for all who are taking part.** We encourage all attending to familiarise themselves with the UJS Code of Conduct (https://www.ujs.org.uk/how_we_work) and we would like to remind everyone that:

- Participants should seek to create an atmosphere where all feel comfortable to participate and speak. This means no booing, shouting, swearing, talking over one another, or mocking people.
- Speech and/or social media posts that contains vulgar, obscene or indecent language will not be tolerated.
- Speech and/or social media posts that are sexist, homophobic, hateful or racially offensive will not be tolerated.
- Trolling, attacking and personalising comments are all unacceptable.
- When disagreeing with someone, you should aim to focus on the points they are making and not their personal characteristics, background or affiliations.
- People should feel able to share their views without fear of being harassed either during Convention or with online posts during or after the event.
- No filming of sessions and discussions may be shared without the consent of all those seen or heard in the footage.
- Any online communications during or after the event may address the ideas and views being exchanged. However, they should not seek to 'name and shame' participants or attack people based on the views they have shared.

Should a participant fail to uphold the standards of behaviour noted in the Code of Conduct, UJS may seek to undertake disciplinary action up to and including but not limited to asking the participant to leave site. (This will take place at the expense of the participant, not UJS).

Navigating Condover

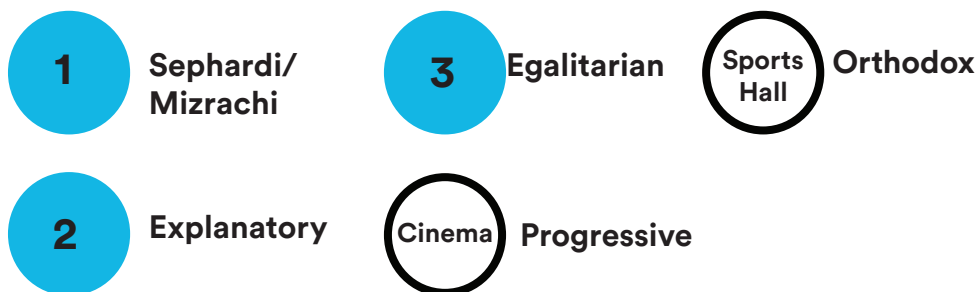
At the back of this booklet is a map of Condover - our home for the Convention weekend. On the session guide, each session has a location attributed so you know where to go. Blue locations are on the first floor of the Manor House, orange locations are in the separate classrooms building. There is a quiet zone in the Richmond building, marked number 7 on the map. All meals will take place in the dining room. Printed maps and timetables are available around the site.



Services

One of UJS' Core Values is Cross-Communalism. We try to accommodate Jewish Students of all denominations over our Shabbaton. For all of our services we have a range of options. Of course, it is not mandatory to attend any service if you do not want to.

Services will be in the same location each time. The locations are:



Friday Timetable

Time	Session
13:00-16:30	Arrival and 'Get To Know You' activities in coffee room and bar
16:39 Shabbat comes in	
16:39	Candle Lighting (Dining room)
16:45	Kabbalat Shabbat Services (pg 6)
18:00	Friday Evening Sessions (pgs 8-9)
19:00	Dinner
20:30	TED Talks (Manor House)
21:30	Tisch, Free Time

Guidance for Shabbat

In order to make everyone feel comfortable during Shabbat we ask that no electric or phone devices are used in public areas and sessions. In your dorms and other private areas you may decide as a group to ensure everyone is comfortable.

We ask that you remember that different dorms adhere to different levels of observance and to please check before entering these spaces to ensure everyone is comfortable.

There is a noise curfew in all outdoor spaces **from 9pm to 9am**. Please refrain from making noise while moving around.

If you have any other questions about Shabbat at Convention, please speak to Jodie or Dora.

Friday Session (6-7pm)

Cinema

Antisemitism and Conspiracy Theories

This session will look at antisemitism and conspiracy theories: the proliferation of online conspiratorial content and the violent manifestation of such beliefs in society today.

CST

1

Creating A Student Union To Represent YOU!

In this session we will be discussing NUS, what they do and how they impact campus life. We will discuss the recent report into antisemitism and what the recommendations are. We will also be putting you to the test. Will YOU be able to create a union that represents EVERY student in this country? Let's try! We will also answer any questions you may have on NUS and student unions!

Faye Huberman and Guy Dabby-Joory

2

Periphery, Centre, and Everything In Between

In this session, we will discuss the untold stories of Israel- about the lives of those who live on the periphery, far from the spotlight of the Israeli ethos. Focusing on the city of Yerucham, this session will be eye-opening!

Efrat Malka

3

Shmooze With...

Judge Joel!

Is there a broigus dividing your JSoc? Are there issues that need to be resolved? Judge Judy was unavailable, so instead, you can bring any issues to Judge Joel who will adjudicate your dispute.

Friday Session (6-7pm)

Bar

Being Jewish Across The Channel

As British Jews, we naturally talk in great detail about the state of Jews and antisemitism in the UK, but our outlook on other Jewish communities is often relatively low resolution. Hear UJS' David and EUJS' Eryn and Avital explain the unique challenges and experiences other Jewish communities face across Europe.

Avital Grinberg, David Legmann, and Eryn Sarkin

1

What Can We Learn From Moses And Gershon When Thinking About LGBT+ Jews In Our Community?

Come and discuss Jewish thinking around community, reasons for creating a more welcoming and safer community for Jewish LGBT+ people, and why there is still a need in 2023 to do so.

Talia Fogelman

2

Cross-Communalism 101

Cross-communalism is one of the UJS four core values but what does it mean? In this session, we will explore exactly what it means, and what challenges it can bring up. You will hear from fellow students about how they have made cross-communalism work at their JSocs, and hopefully come away with some fresh ideas for yours!

Dora Hirsh

3

What Is A Jewish Leader? Perspectives On Modern Jewish Leadership

"There are many ways to lead and many different types of leaders". In this introductory session we'll explore what being a Jewish leader means to you. We will also distil down some of the current trends, discuss what exactly it is a good leader 'should' do, and ask what can be "Jewish" about our leadership.

Eli Gaventa

Saturday Timetable

Time	Session
09:30	Breakfast Shacharit Services (pg 6)
10:45	Parasha Tochnit (Bar)
11:30	Kiddush
12:00	Shabbat Session 1 (pgs 12-13)
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Shabbat Session 2 (pgs 14-15)
15:00	Seuda
16:00	Shabbat Session 3 (pgs 16-17)
17:00	Mincha/Free Time
17:53 Shabbat goes out	
17:53	Ma'ariv and Havdalah
18:30	Whole Group Photo
19:00	Dinner
20:00	Jewniversity Challenge Final (Dining Room) Shlichot: Israel Takeover (Bar) Free Time
21:00	Silent Disco (Manor House)

Shabbat Session 1 (12-1pm)

Cinema

Fighting Fascism With Hope, Not Hate.

With the far right on the rise globally, leading expert Dr Joe Mulhall shares his insights in a conversation with UJS President Joel Rosen. Come along to hear about Joe's experiences infiltrating and combatting extremist movements which pose a significant threat to Jewish communities.

Dr Joe Mulhall

1

Incompatible Approaches To Shabbat?

This session is a chance to come and learn with two rabbis from two different denominations who somehow make it work!

Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers and Rabbi Gary Somers

2

Understanding Your Jewish And Israeli Identities

Is our Jewish identity committed to a relationship with the State of Israel? Using the perspective of rabbis, politicians, and global Jewish leaders, we will examine how you encounter this Jewish-Israeli relationship - if any - in your daily life on campus, or with your family.

Adi Peled

Coffee
Room

Shmooze With...

Sabs!

Come to the coffee room to talk to your favourite sab team 2022/23.

Shabbat Session 1 (12-1pm)

Bar

Jewish Student Life In Europe Post-Brexit - Is There A Space For Me?

Since Brexit, Jewish students in the UK may feel disconnected from European Jewish life. This session will explore this disconnection, but also the EUJS perspective that European Jewish life would be incomplete without British engagement. We will show the opportunities and wonders of a pan-European Jewish life and how British students can get involved.

Avital Grinberg and Eryn Sarkin

1

Jews In SUs

During this session, we will explore almost everything you need to know about students unions, what they do, why they matter and how come they exist! Come and learn how to get the most out of your SU.

Noah Katz

2

Building A Disability Community

Do you identify as a disabled student, or as having a disability? This could include a physical, or learning disability, neurodivergence, chronic illness, mental health condition. Everyone is welcome! This chilled and informal session offers a chance to meet other students who understand your experience. The discussion will be participant led - whether you want to talk activism or your favourite movie!

Dora Hirsh

3

Making the Most of Social Media

In the digital age, social media has become the most important form of publicity for a Jewish society. In this interactive session we will discuss how to maximise JSoc publicity on social media as well as which platforms are best for different forms of publicity and targeting the university student demographic.

Matty Fisher

Shabbat Session 2 (2-3pm)

Cinema

Ask Anderson: A Conversation On British And Jewish Politics

In this Q&A, you'll get the opportunity to hear from one of the UK's most prominent Jewish Parliamentarians. Ruth will be speaking in conversation with Joel and will take your questions on free speech, the fight against antisemitism and more. Join us for a wide-ranging and thought-provoking discussion.

Baroness Ruth Anderson

1

Who's Afraid Of Redemption?

Join the Shabos as they explore the parasha (Torah portion), the exodus of the Jewish people, and the barriers we put in place for our own personal redemption today. This session will be engaging and insightful, all are welcome.

Rabbi Eliran and Ayalah Shabo

2

"How Could You?" - Israeli-Diaspora Relations In Light Of The Election

Worried about a deterioration in Israel-diaspora relations after last year's election? Or the political direction Israel is going in more generally? Representing different perspectives of the Jewish world, join Noa and David in conversation trying to detoxify some of the growing misunderstandings and tensions around recent events.

David Legmann and Noa Dayan

3

Red Flag/Green Flag: What Is A Healthy Relationship?

Did you know that 16–24-year-olds are the age group most at risk of experiencing relationship abuse? Join us for a discussion on how to recognise and navigate unhealthy behaviours in relationships whilst promoting healthy interactions. We will be exploring relationship 'red flags', signs of relationship abuse and how to set and respect appropriate boundaries with others.

Amy Drage

Shabbat Session 2 (2-3pm)

Bar

Shmooze With...

ShinShinim Shmooze!

Have you ever thought about how your life would look if you had grown up in a different country? Come and meet our Israeli gap year volunteers, and find out about your similarities and differences.

1

Engaging Stakeholders: How To Effectively Influence Your JSoc's Stakeholders

In order to represent Jewish students, JSoc leaders must work and influence key stakeholders such as university and students' union leaders. In this session, learn how to build productive relationships and achieve change through your stakeholders. This session includes a Q+A with past and present campaigns officers!

Daniel Kosky

2

How Has The Holocaust Impacted Us Today?

We talk a lot about the Holocaust, but we don't often have time to think about how this actually affects us as young Jewish people making our way into the world. This will be a discussion-based session where students can explore and share their experiences, thoughts and feelings, either as the descendants of survivors and refugees, or just as Jewish students.

Dora Hirsh

3

Jewish Roots Of Comic Books

A session outlining the surprisingly Jewish roots, themes and origins of the superhero and comic book genre.

Xander Ross

Shabbat Session 3 (4-5pm)

Cinema

All About Campaigns

Join the UJS Campaigns Team to learn about effective activism, meet other changemakers on campus, and play a role in shaping UJS' next campaign!

Faye Huberman and Guy Dabby-Joory

1

Shmooze With...

Adi Peled!

Adi will be teaching schmoozers to speak Hebrew like a pro - whether you're getting malawach in Machne Yehuda, or ordering arak shots in Shalvata.

2

A Fresh Start: In Conversation With A Ukranian Refugee

Come and hear from Maria, a refugee from Kyiv, who has made a new life in London living with a Jewish family. Learn about life in Ukraine, and Maria's experiences of adjusting to London, and English and Jewish traditions.

Grace Silverstein and Maria Dorma

3

Let's Talk About It: Sexual Violence On Campus

In this session we will explore what the term 'sexual violence' really means and how it can affect students at university. Through a series of activities, discussions and case studies, we will examine the prevalence and impacts of sexual violence on campus and learn how we can actively tackle and prevent it.

Amy Drage

Shabbat Session 3 (4-5pm)

Bar

Solutions, Not Sides

How do we address polarisation around the issue of Israel-Palestine? In this session, you will gain insight into Solutions Not Sides' approach to educating about and discussing this conflict, including non-zero-sum theory, values frameworks and critical-thinking frameworks. Join us for a thought-provoking discussion.

Sharon Booth

1

Mental Ill Health In The Torah

Health struggles have been present as long as people have been in this world, and mental health is no different. Come and learn about the mental ill health of biblical characters, and flesh out the world of our ancestors through a new lens.

Jodie Franks

2

Light in the Darkness-Rebuilding lives in unprecedented times

Learn about the experiences of Jewish Holocaust survivors upon being liberated from Concentration camps. We will explore the unexpected ways that how Jewish survivors learnt to deal with their experiences. We will also look at the more uplifting ways that Jewish survivors coped with their experiences and tried to find a sense of normality in the most extraordinary times.

Sarah Wilks

3

Stories That Shaped Me

Our heritage and backgrounds are a part of us, but how do we talk about it today? What stories do we share about ourselves with the people we meet? Our stories are what we leave behind, let's look at what shapes them.

Lee Lobel

Session Speaker Bios



Adi Peled (she/her) is a Jewish Agency Shlichah to UJS, she was born and raised in Kiryat Bialik near Haifa. This is Adi's second year working for UJS and is responsible for campuses in the midlands, Wales and Ireland.



Amy Drage is the Youth Engagement Worker at Jewish Women's Aid. She is responsible for the organisation's informal education programme for young people focused on consent education and sexual violence prevention.



Avital was born in Berlin, Germany. In 2021 she was elected to the board of the World Union of Jewish Students, she then became the Program Manager of the European Union of Jewish Students. She was elected in 2022 as the President of EUJS, which represents 36 national student unions across Europe.



CST advises and represents the Jewish community on matters of antisemitism, terrorism, policing and security. CST represent the Jewish community to police, legislative and policy-making bodies to combat antisemitism.



Daniel Kosky is a public affairs professional for London Councils, where he carries out their Parliamentary lobbying. He served as UJS Head of Campaigns from 2018 until 2020.



David Legmann (he/him) is the Israel Engagement Sabbatical Officer for UJS. David studied Politics at Leeds, where he was campaigns officer for the JSoc. David loves meteorology, badminton and learning more about history and politics.



Debbie Young-Somers is part of the rabbinic team at Edgware and Hendon Reform Synagogue. A regular broadcaster and writer, she has been published in several books exploring interfaith matters, Reform Judaism, ritual and Mikveh.

Session Speaker Bios



Dora Hirsh is the UJS Sabbatical Officer for Jewish Engagement and Enrichment, and Liberation. She is particularly interested in neurodivergence, philosophy, feminism and Arsenal Football Club.



Efrat Malka (she/her) is a Jewish Agency Shlichah to UJS. She was born and raised in Yerucham in the south of Israel. She is responsible for campuses in London and Southern England.



Rabbi Eliran and Ayalah were both born in Israel and have now taken up residency as our first Chaplaincy Couple in Edinburgh. Previously, Eliran served as the Junior Rabbi of the Athens community whilst Ayalah promoted collaborations between the local and Israeli communities.



Eryn Sarkin, is the current EUJS Communications and Outreach Officer. She is passionate about all things human, environmental, and social-justice.



Eli Gaventa is the Head of Impact and Planning at UJIA where he works to create inclusive and empowering Jewish journeys for young people, nurturing a responsibility for the Jewish People.



Faye Huberman (she/her) is Head of Campaigns at UJS. She enjoys hiking, playing netball and baking challah. This is her second year at UJS and she is so excited for convention and to be one of the chairs at conference this year!! Bring on the democracy, can't wait to see you shape UJS' future!



Rabbi Gary Somers received Semikha from Rabbi Daniel Landes in 2019 and has volunteered as interim Rabbi for Rambam Sephardi Synagogue in Hertfordshire. He works at SOAS in the Registry Team and enjoys using their library.



Grace Silverstein (she/her) is the UJS Sabbatical Officer for Interfaith and Social Action. She graduated from Leeds Beckett and was JSoc president there. In her spare time she loves cooking and spending time with friends.

Session Speaker Bios



Guy Dabby-Joory (he/him) is the campaigns officer for UJS. Guy is really passionate about UJS democracy and can't wait to chair conference this year - bring on the debate!!



Jodie Franks (she/her) is the Head of Programming and Sixth Form Development at UJS. This is her second year working at UJS. In her free time, Jodie enjoys knitting, embroidery and reading Jewish books. Come and say hi, she is always up for a chat!



Joel Rosen (he/him) is the UJS President for 2022-23. Joel is passionate about representing Jewish students. In his spare time, he enjoys tea, whiskey, Troye Sivan and perusing Aleph.



Lee Lobel has worked professionally in Jewish education since 2015. She is currently working at Masa Israel Journey, managing the UK, Netherlands, and Scandinavia.



Dr Joe Mulhall is the director of research at the anti-fascism organisation Hope not Hate and has spent a decade exposing far-right groups. He has written several books on postwar fascism, such as *Drums in the Distance: Journeys into the Global Far Right*.



Maria Dorma is 26 and lived in Kyiv all her life, until last summer when she moved to London. She currently lives with a Jewish family, and is searching for a job.



Matty Fisher was Publicity Officer at Leeds JSoc in 2022. Whilst studying his Film, Photography and Media degree at Leeds, he also works in Student Radio and TV.



Noa Dayan (she/her) is a shlichah to UJS, born in Jerusalem. Based in Manchester, Noa is responsible for campuses in Northern England, and Scotland.



Noah Katz (they/them) is the VP Education at Lancaster University Students' Union, a Lauder Fellow for the World Jewish Congress, a UJS Deputy to the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a member of the National Union of Students' National Scrutiny Council.



Baroness Ruth Anderson serves as Chief Executive of Index on Censorship which campaigns for freedom of expression. She was the MP for Stoke-on-Trent-North from 2015 to 2019 and now sits in the House of Lords as Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent. Ruth is an Honorary Captain in the Royal Naval Reserve and Vice Chair of the Jewish Labour Movement.



Sarah Wilks (she/her) is the Student Engagement Sabbatical Officer at UJS. She studied History at the University of Birmingham. She is really looking forward to sharing some of what she discovered through her dissertation at her session!



Sharon Booth is the founder and Executive Director of Solutions not Sides. She worked in the Middle East including as PA to the Defence Attaché at the British Embassy. On her return to the UK, she began work in Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolution, founding Solutions Not Sides.



Service Year Israeli emissaries, better known as Shin-Shinim, are Israeli high school graduates serving Jewish communities around the world prior to their mandatory Israeli army service. They work with schools, youth movements and organisations from around the Jewish community.



Talia Fogelman (she/they) is the Programme and Volunteer officer for KeshetUK, delivering sessions in Jewish schools, youth organisations and JSocs, as well as working with volunteers who help to deliver the programming.



Xander Ross is the inclusions officer for Manchester JSoc and a third year film student in Manchester, currently developing a series of superhero films having previously written and directed various other short films.



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Everything you need to know
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Sunday Timetable

Breakfast and 'UJStalls - what's coming up' will be held in the Coffee Room. UJS Conference will take place in the Dining Room.

Time	Session
09:00	Breakfast Shacharit Services (pg 6) UJStalls - What's coming up
10:00	Conference Begins Opening address Priority ballot results
10:30	First Round of Policy Debate
11:20	Break
12:00	Second Round of Policy Debate
12:50	Lunch
13:50	Third Round of Policy Debate
14:40	Challenge Policy Lapse
14:50	National Council and Board of Deputies Speeches
15:10	Presidential Election Results
15:15	Close of Conference
15:30	End of Conference Coaches Leave

Getting Involved at Conference

During Conference, you can make various speeches. Here is your guide to speeches at Conference:

Types of speeches

- Motion (for and against) - 90 seconds
- Summation (summary at the end of debate) - 30 seconds
- Amendments (for and against) - 60 seconds
- Procedural motions (for and against) - 60 seconds
- Policy Lapse (for and against) - 90 seconds

Top tips for giving a speech

- Posture and body - stand up straight and be natural
- Vary your tone – be passionate and engaging, use your tone to emphasise the key points
- Be clear – naturally you will speak faster so make sure to slow down
- Prepare what to say – keep it focused, explain your position and stick to the main points

Procedural motions

These are special motions that, at any time, any delegate can take to the Steering Committee to change the ‘procedure’ of conference and help shape the debate. For a full list of procedural motions, please turn the page.

Every delegate is only allowed to use one procedural motion per basket, so make sure to use them wisely. The Chair will ask to see a certain number of hands to hear the case for procedural motions.

For all Conference related information, including a Jargon Buster and the full list of motions, scan the QR codes on the right!



Conference
Guide



Full List of
Motions

Procedural Motions

A. That the Meeting has no confidence in the Chairperson. Raise this if you believe the Chair is prejudiced or otherwise ruling unfairly.

B. That the Chairperson's ruling be overturned. Raise this if you want to challenge a specific ruling of the Chair.

C. That a vote be by secret ballot. Raise this if you want voting to be done secretly rather than by show of hands.

D. That a rule or regulation be suspended for a specified length of time for a specified reason. Raise this if you wish to stop procedural motions or a specific procedural motion being raised.

E. That another round of speeches be granted. Raise this if you think we should hear another speech for and against the motion before voting.

F. That the meeting be adjourned or closed. Raise this if you want to stop Conference.

G. That the guillotine be extended. Raise this if you would like to spend more time discussing the current basket than allotted (be aware this might take away from other baskets.)

H. That the question, as specified, be not put. Raise this if you think we shouldn't have a vote on the motion/amendment being discussed.

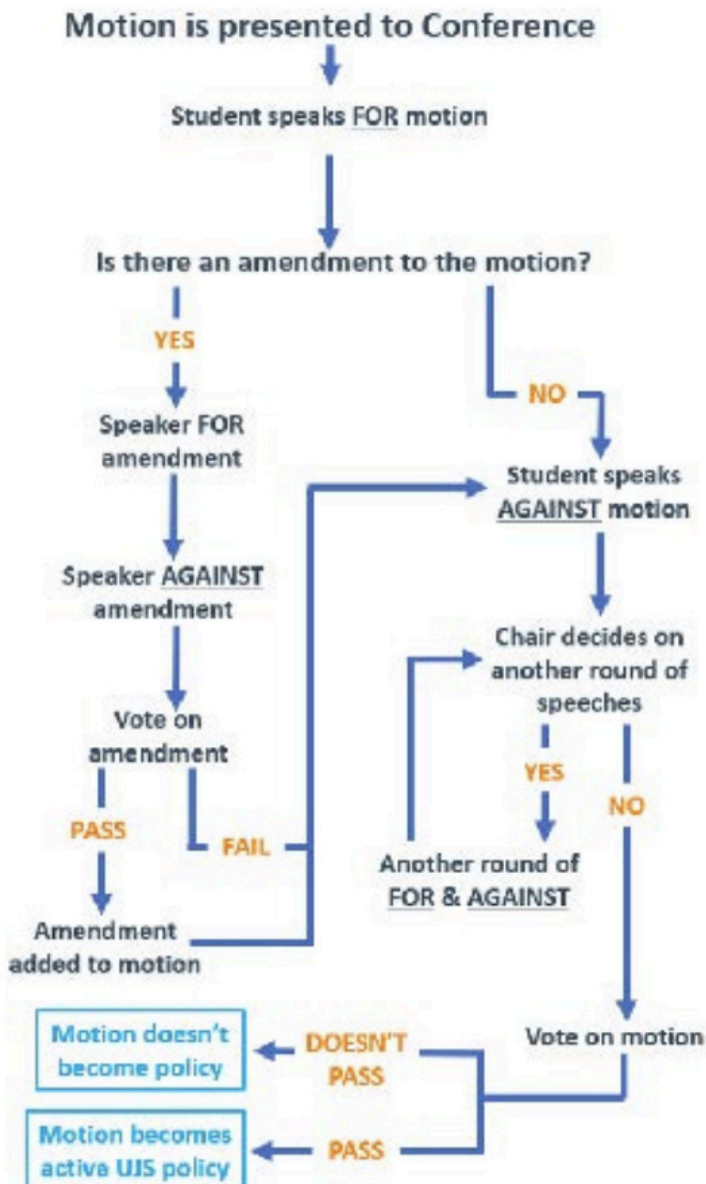
I. That the question, as specified, be now put. Raise this to put a halt to any more speeches on this motion / amendment and proceed straight to a vote.

J. That the order of motions be changed. Raise this if you would like to move a motion up or down the order of debate.

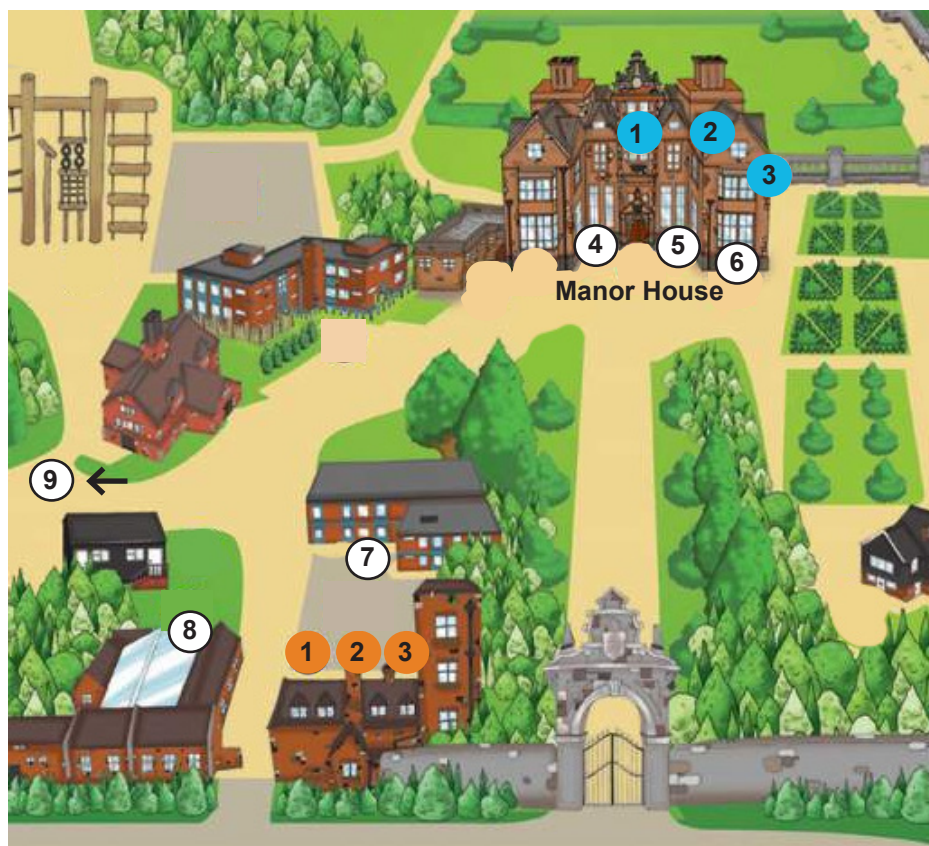
K. If you wish to take parts. If you disagree with part of a motion or really agree with one part of the Motion, you can isolate this part and debate it. This is also known as negative and positive parts.

L. That the question, as specified, be remitted to another body or person. Raise this if you would like to send motions not discussed today to National Executive Council, to be debated there.

How the debate works



Map of Condover Hall



Key:

Orange 1-3 - Classrooms

Blue 1-3 - Manor House, first floor

- ④ Coffee Room
- ⑤ Bar
- ⑥ Cinema Room
- ⑦ Quiet Zone
- ⑧ Dining Hall
- ⑨ Sports Hall